

# Use of a large atmospheric research aircraft

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## (British) Prehistory - 1918/19





### In between





### Since 2004 - FAAM Facility for Airborne Atmospheric Measurements

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The BAe-146-301 Atmospheric Research Aircraft (ARA)

Started 2001, CofA 2004, UK government owned

### Instrumentation and data system

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## The UK geosciences research fleet

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– BAe-146-301

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- ARSF
  - Dornier Do-228
- Edinburgh
  Super Dimona
- BAS
  - 4 x Twin Otter, Dash-7
- MOCCA
  - Cessna C421









# (and FAAM behind them)

- National Centre for Atmospheric Science
  - British national infrastructure in atmospheric science:-
    - Observational systems

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- Expertise
- Modelling; laboratories; data centre
- Met Office
  - UK national forecaster
  - Management of Unified Model (MetUM)
  - Ground and space facilities
  - Large research capability, including the *Hadley Centre*.

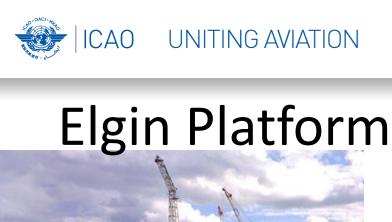


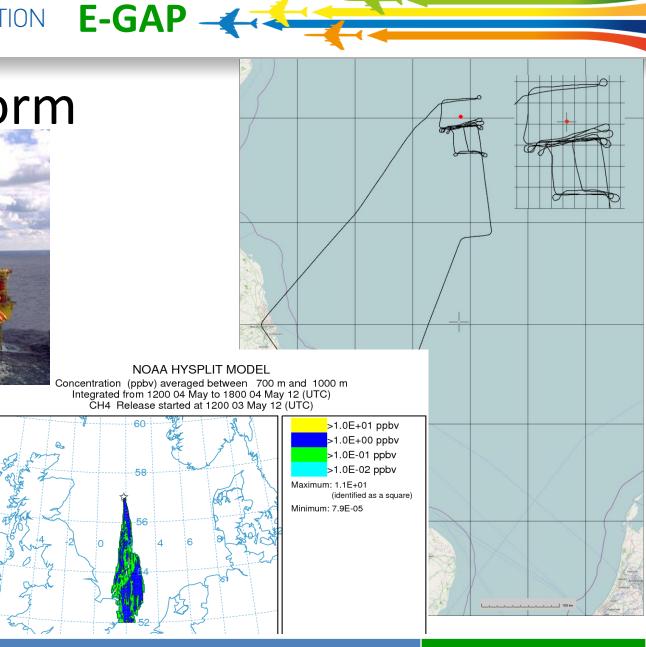
What can a research aircraft do?Some recent science programmes

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### ACCACIA Understanding the arctic climate







### UK/US joint programme - CAST Guam...

### Understanding the tropical atmosphere







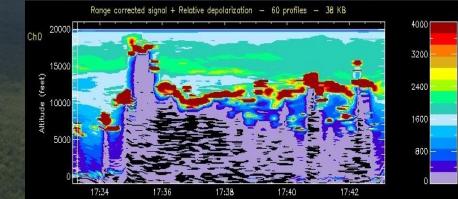




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"Forest" chemistry studies

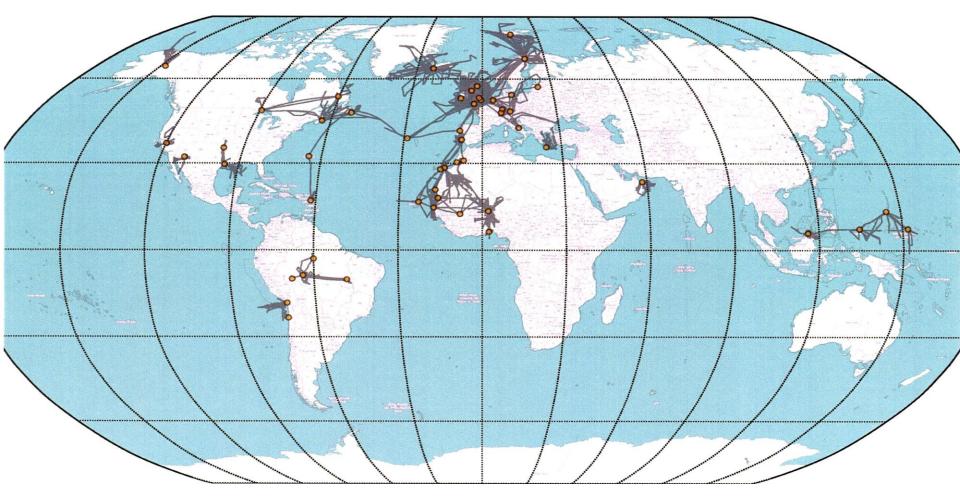
- Deforestation (Brazil, Malaysia, Indonesia)
- Fires (Brazil, Canada)





10 years of science delivery

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# What else is possible?

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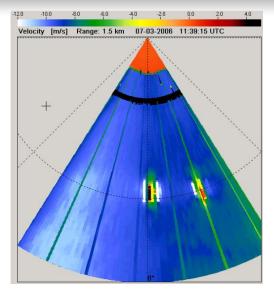
- Measurement of wake turbulence
- Measurement of aircraft emissions
  - Or atmospheric profile elsewhere
- Dispersion modelling

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- Modelling of predicted atmospheric change
  - And validation of models
- Supporting data for procedure design....

Figure from: FAA VALIDATION OF THE A380 Eugene Arnold: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Hugues van der Stichel: Airbus , SETP 2008

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